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SUBJECT: DAOUD'S SPEECH TO THE TEACHERS

1. PRESIDENT DAOUD ADDRESSED LARGE GROUP AT RECEPTION HE HAVE MAY 22 ON OCCASION OF NATIONAL "TEACHERS' DAY" IN SOMBER TONES AND WITH CALL FOR DEDICATION WHICH SEEMED TO ECHO HIS MAY 1 SPEECH IN HERAT (KABUL 2834).

2. CENTRAL THEMES OF THE SPEECH, WHICH WAS HEARD BY SOME 250 PROFESSORS AND TEACHERS INVITED BY DAOUD, WERE DEVOTION TO WORK ("OUR COUNTRY, MORE THAN EVER BEFORE, REQUIRES HARD WORK AND TOIL..."THE YOUTH MUST BE AWARE THAT THEIR TOILING IN THE WAY OF PROGRESS OF THE COUNTRY HAS NO END POINT. THEY MUST CONSTANTLY WORK...") AND FORMULATION OF A NATIONAL IDEOLOGY ("LEARNING IS GOOD...(BUT) YOUTH OUGHT TO UNDERSTAND THEIR NATIONAL MORES AND HAVE WELL DEFINED OBJECTIVES SO THEY ARE NOT MISGUIDED..."IF A NATION MOVES QFBECCWRDANCE WITH HER NATIONAL IDEOLOGY IT IS ON THE PATH OF PROGRESS.") AS IN HERAT, DAOUD ALSO EMPHASIZED EQUALITY: "THE SENTIMENT OF BROTHERHOOD AND EQUALITY IS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN UNITY AND COHESION.. YOU (TEACHERS) ARE OBLIGED TO NURTURE THIS SENT-
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IMENT."

3. KABUL PRESS CHOSE TO PICK UP FOR FORTHER COMMZNT AND EDIT-ORIALIZING DAOUD'S "NATIONAL IDEOLOGY" THEME. MESSAGE CLEARLY IS THAT AFGHANISTAN WILL CHOOSE ITS OWN PATH AND THAT "IMPORTED IDEOLOGIES" HAVE NO PLACE. THIS COULD AS WELL BE INTERPRETED AS A SPECIFIC WARNING TO AFGHAN FACTIONS AS GENERALIZED PREACHMENT.

4. PERHAPS AS INTERESTING AS SPEECHITSELF WAS FACT THAT DAOUD CHOSE THIS PARTICULAR HOLIDAY FOR MAJOR ADDRESS AND TEACHERS GROUP TO BE HIS GUESTS. DAOUD'S TALKS HISTORICALLY AS WELL AS RECENTLY HAVE HAD CONSIDERABLE EFFECT UPON STATUS OF WOMEN OF AFGHANISTAN AND UPON REFORMS IN EDUCATION. PALACE GET-TOGETHER, PICTURES FROM WHICH SHOWED DAOUD SURROUNDED BY WOMEN TEACHERS, WAY BY WAY OF TWO BIRDS FOR A SINGLE STONE.
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